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## LABOR LEADERS NOW

American Federation of Labor  
Elect Officers.

### MCBRIDE SUCCEEDS GOMPERS.

A Buckeye Man Gets a Great Honor.—The vote stood: McBride, 1,102; Gompers, 987.—Indianapolis is made the headquarters, and New York gets the convention in 1895.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—The first matter to come before the Federation of Labor was the selection of place for headquarters, the convention having decided to remove the same from New York city. The cities of Washington, Brooklyn, Detroit and Indianapolis were placed in nomination. Indianapolis was selected by a majority vote. The result stood: Indianapolis, 1290; Washington, 929.

The election of officers was the next order of business. Mr. Samuel Gompers of New York and Mr. John McBride of Columbus, president of the United Mine Workers, were placed in nomination. The vote stood: McBride, 1,162; Gompers, 937.

Vice presidents were elected as follows: First, P. J. McGuire, Philadelphia; second, James Duncan, Baltimore; third, Roddy Kenahan, Denver; fourth, T. J. Elderkin, Chicago.

For secretary four candidates were in the field: A. McCraith of Boston, James J. Linehan of Chicago, J. Mahlon Barnes of Philadelphia, and R. H. Metcalf of Cleveland. The second ballot resulted: McCraith, 1,096; Linehan, 548; Barnes, 391. The election of McCraith was made unanimous.

Mr. John B. Lennon of New York was the unanimous choice of the convention for the office of treasurer.

The place of next meeting of the federation, New York and St. Louis was placed in nomination. The result was: New York, 1,335; St. Louis, 558.

Delegate Lennon moved that two fraternal delegates be sent to the British trades congress to be held in Cardiff, Wales. It was carried and Samuel Gompers and P. J. McGuire were selected.

The special committee appointed to draft resolutions on the McGuire seamen's rights bill, now before congress, reported resolutions providing that a committee of three, one of whom should be a member of the Seamen's union, to go to Washington as a lobby; asking John Burns to give the matter attention in his meetings in America; urging local unions to call upon their congressmen to favor the bill. The report was agreed to.

The committee on resolutions continued its report. A resolution was agreed to appropriating \$250 to reimburse the metal workers of Illinois for the expense of carrying a suit to the supreme court to prevent contract convict labor. A resolution was adopted against the Baltimore currency plan, as was one opposed to "sweatshops," and recommending laws to abolish them; providing for engrossed resolutions of esteem to be presented to John Burns and Richard Holmes, the English fraternal delegates; opposing an alleged movement to secure an extension of the maritime employment laws to cover railroad and other contracts on land; favoring an eight-hour day; favoring the liberation of Hugh Dempsey, now in the Pennsylvania penitentiary on account of his connection with the Homestead strike, and alleging that some of the prosecuting witnesses had since acknowledged that he was bribed; providing for a committee to work for a direct legislation by means of the referendum in each state; demanding a national law providing that no bonds be issued without a special law to be originated in the lower house of congress.

A resolution criticising the report of the national strike commission and favoring the government ownership of railroads was reported unfavorably by the committee, but was referred again to the legislative council.

The following telegram from President-elect McBride was read before the convention:

"Please thank the delegates in my name for the high honor they have conferred upon me and assure them I shall aim to do my duty faithfully and fearlessly and hope to be able to reflect credit upon my administration and upon the American Federation of Labor."

After other committee reports of minor importance, the convention adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Mr. McBride Surprised.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—The news of his election was first taken to Mr. McBride by a representative of the Columbus Dispatch. Mr. McBride is slowly recovering from the effects of a bad case of nicotine poisoning. He was so much surprised as to be inclined at first to doubt the statement, but upon being assured of the fact, appeared pleased at the result, but not inclined to talk on the subject.

John McBride is one of the best known labor leaders in the country, and one of the ablest advocates of this cause of toil in the land. He is thorough in his investigation of facts and convincing in his logic while presenting them on an occasion when their influence is to be relied upon.

He is a self-made man having educated himself in the main by studying nights after mining coal during the daytime.

He represented Stark county in the Ohio house of representatives in 1885-8.

He was nominated for secretary of state on the Democratic ticket in 1887, but was defeated by the late General James S. Robinson. After that he organized and became the president of

the National Progressive union, which became a powerful miners' organization. About four years ago this organization and the miners' division of the Knights of Labor were amalgamated under the name of the United Mine Workers of America, of which McBride is now president.

Mr. McBride is a widower, about 45 years old, his wife having died about two years ago. He is the father of several children. His legal residence is at Massillon, O., but he spends the most of his time in Columbus, where is located the headquarters of the United Mine Workers.

### HAUNTED SCHOOLHOUSE.

The Spirit of a Dead Fifer Piping Martial Music.

FRANKFORT, Ind., Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevails here over the report that the Second ward school building is haunted, and the children are expressing fear of attending school. The neighbors and residents of that locality claim that during the entire night a fife's music can be distinctly heard emanating from the roof of the building, and some of the more superstitious claim that they have seen the form of a man walking near the edge of the roof.

Older residents, who were here when the building was constructed, say that during the erection of the structure a man by the name of Entekin, a carpenter, fell from the roof and was killed. He was a fifer in the war and it is believed that it is his spirit which is causing the trouble. They also claim that the wind has nothing to do with the noise, as it can be heard distinctly on still nights.

### An Imbecile Fardoned.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—Governor McKinley yesterday issued a pardon to Allen McGhee, who was sentenced early this year to serve a four years' sentence for manslaughter from Scioto county. McGhee is an absolute imbecile, wholly irresponsible, who did not really know where he was. The man whom he was charged with killing, repeatedly said before his death that another person committed the crime, and it is a very great wonder that the Scioto county authorities could, under the circumstances, find him guilty. The matters of fees figured to some extent.

### A Cruel Wife.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 18.—Uriah Woolman has been blind for quite a while. His wife has compelled him to sleep in an outhouse, fed him on scraps and offal, and gave him insufficient clothing to keep him warm. The matter was given into the hands of the Friends' church and Woolman was removed from his filth, and will hereafter be cared for by them. He, some time ago, put all his property in his wife's name.

### Three People Burned to Death.

GARDNER, Me., Dec. 18.—Amos Martin's house on Windsor street was destroyed by fire yesterday and three inmates were burned to death. Mrs. William Ready, Millie Folsom, aged 7, and George Folsom, aged 4, were the victims. The little girl was rescued from the burning house by Frank Greenleaf, a neighbor, but died before medical assistance could be summoned. It is thought the woman, while intoxicated, upset a lamp.

### Killed by Cars.

XENIA, O., Dec. 18.—Yesterday morning the passenger train on the Pennsylvania going west at 8:10 struck Mr. George Greenleaf at Lucas crossing, three miles from this city, killing him instantly. The body was carried nearly a quarter of a mile on the pilot. A German, who was with Greenleaf was uninjured. The horse was killed and buggy demolished.

### Earthquake Felt in New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Telephonic communication from Coeyman's, 12 miles south of this city, tells of a shock of earthquake being felt in the highlands in that vicinity at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Windows were shaken and doors rattled, but no damage is reported.

### A Lucky Find.

SOMERSET, Ind., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Robert Elliott of this place suffered the loss of her home by fire several months ago. She thought at that time that the insurance had lapsed, but during the past week she found a policy calling for \$550. It was honored by the company interested.

### Two Children Burned to Death.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—The home of Rev. Solomon Beckerman of 1301 Cass avenue caught fire at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. His two little daughters, aged 7 and 11 years, were burned to death. The other members of the family had great difficulty in escaping.

### Married His Stenographer.

MOUNT VERNON, O., Dec. 18.—The many friends of Frank V. Owen, author of the Owen bill, were surprised to learn that he was quietly married to his stenographer, Miss Bessie M. Johnson. He was recently granted a divorce from his former wife.

### Both Got Out Safely.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Dec. 18.—Shirley Hulse and Howard Moore were nearly drowned while duck hunting, their boat going over a dam in the river. Moore swam to shore, but Hulse clung to the boat until rescued. Both are prominent young men.

Widely Known Paper Manufacturer Dead.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 18.—William O. Devay, for many years president of the Indiana Paper company, and one of the oldest paper manufacturers in the west, died last night. He was widely known.

## CHINESE DRIVEN OFF

Another Victory For the Japanese Troops.

### BATTLE FOUGHT AT FONG-HUANG.

Two Hundred and Fifty Chinese Killed and Wounded and Thirty Taken Prisoners, While the Japanese Lost but Three Officers and Seventy Privates.—The Japs Marching on Tien-Tsin.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.—In accordance with General Nodzu's instructions, the Fong-Huang garrison, which was confronted on Dec. 12 by 4,000 Chinese, began an attack on the enemy at daybreak. The garrison was 1,400 strong, and was commanded by Oyatsu. The main battle took place in Yin-Min-Shan, five miles from Fong-Huang. The Japanese attacked with spirit and defeated the Chinese, driving them to Timatsh.

The Japanese loss was three officers killed and 70 privates killed and wounded; the Chinese 250 killed and wounded and 30 prisoners. The Japanese captured four field guns.

General Tachimi's brigade is now moving southward to turn back the Kerin fugitives.

The first and second Japanese armies are reported to be suffering greatly from the cold. Chang Yiu Kung, president of the board of revenue, is said by native newspapers to have dispatched an ambassador to Japan with instructions to negotiate peace.

### AWAITING AN ATTACK.

Twenty Thousand Chinese Troops Now at New-Chwang.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to The Times from Tien-Tsin says that General Sung has an army of 20,000 men at New-Chwang, including 6,000 who escaped from Port Arthur. General Sung originally tried to save Port Arthur, but finding his attempt useless, went north and is now awaiting a Japanese attack upon New-Chwang. It is likely that this attack will be delayed until the second Japanese army from the south joins the first army from the west.

A Shanghai dispatch to The Times says it is reported that the garrison in the Taku forts is disaffected. Winter is beginning early.

Owing to the curtailment of supplies in recent years there are now only 14 shells for each gun mounted in the defenses of Tien-Tsin.

### Marching on Tien-Tsin.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the first and second Japanese armies have joined each other north of New-Chwang and are now marching direct to Tien-Tsin.

### TO SAVE DEBS.

Efforts Being Made to Keep the Strike Leaders Out of Jail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—At a conference yesterday afternoon between President Debs and American Railroad officials and their attorneys it was decided to make three separate efforts to provide escape for the ex-strike leaders from the jail sentences pronounced by Judge Woods in the contempt proceedings last Friday.

The attorneys will endeavor to secure an appeal to the supreme court and a writ of error and will also apply for a writ of habeas corpus. It was believed by the American Railway union people here that the defendants' attorneys would meet success in at least one of the attempts to stay execution of the sentences and the opinion was freely expressed that Debs and his associates would not go to jail.

### Scaffold Blown Down.

CARTERET, N. J., Dec. 18.—A scaffold on the building of the Williams & Clark fertilizing works here was blown down yesterday afternoon and three men who were on it at the time were hurled to the ground, a distance of 50 feet. John Moriarity, 33 years of age, of Ontario, Can., was instantly killed, and the others were so badly injured that their recovery is considered doubtful. They are Frank Morgan, 45 years old, of Newark, N. J., and Morris Melick, 30 years old, of Elizabeth, N. J. Several of the laborers who were at work under the scaffold at the time of the accident, received bruises from the falling boards.

### Americans Murdered.

GUATEMALA, Dec. 18.—All foreign residents here are frightened since the official beating given the American argall by consent of President Barrios, in spite of the protests of the American minister and consul. It is rumored that this is not the only affair of this kind, and that several Americans have been murdered by the authorities on the Atlantic coast because they refused to work on the railroad out of Port Barrios, where they were not paid. These cases are not published, because even the witnesses were killed.

### Used Axes and Knives.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 18.—Axes and knives were used in a general fight over a game of cards in a lodginghouse on the upper flats yesterday evening, and as a result, Rafaelo Di Muchio and Antonio Palombo, Italians, are in the hospital with probably fatal injuries. Joseph D'Fabio, another Italian, is in jail, seriously injured. The police are hunting for a fourth Italian, Dominico Palombo, who is thought to have done the cutting, but up to a late hour he had not been arrested.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., Dec. 18.—The nail works started up on a double turn Monday.

### A FAMILY ON THE TRAMP.

Parents and Five Children From Texas to Jersey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In police headquarters in Newark, N. J., are a family consisting of a father, mother and five children, who have tramped from Texas. The father's name is Charles N. Roberts; the wife is a prematurely aged woman, and the children range in age from 9 to 14 years. The oldest is a girl and the others boys. Roberts said he had been a small farmer near Brownsville, Tex., and when his crops failed him last summer for the fourth consecutive year, he became discouraged and determined to go in search of a brother, William E. Roberts, whom he believed to be in Newark.

With \$85, the result of the sale of their household goods, the family started on its northward tramp. Mr. Roberts says he left Texas in the middle of September. They lived on charity and slept in barns. At Henderson, Ky., they were all laid up with grip for a month. At the end of that time all their money was gone. Their longest stretch of tramping without a ride of any kind was 285 miles through Indiana and Kentucky. They arrived in Newark on Saturday morning and Roberts searched the city, but could find no trace of his brother.

### The President's Outing.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., Dec. 18.—The president's party arrived here from Laney early yesterday morning and took the steamer Wisteria, which awaited, to convey them to South island, 12 miles from here. South island is the winter home of General Alexander, and the members of the party will be his guests during their stay. The opportunities for shooting and other sports are excellent at South island. The Wisteria will be used for cruising purposes in and without the waters of Winyap bay. General Alexander is a prominent member of the Annandale Gun club, and his winter home is well supplied with all that contribute to the success of the sport and the comfort of the members of the party.

### Frisco Wants a Lexow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The clergymen of this city are arranging for the organization of a movement in this city similar to the Lexow plan for the improvement of municipal morals. Rev. J. Cummings Smith, pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian church, who has had verbal and written communications with Dr. Parkhurst, took the initiative. A union movement has been inaugurated by the local organizations of Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist ministers to take concerted action. If the California legislature does not appoint an official purification committee, the ministers will conduct the investigation themselves with the aid of the citizens generally.

### Outwardly Cordial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Archbishop Corrigan Monday made his regular visit to St. Leo's church, of which Rev. Father Ducey is the pastor. The strained relations between archbishop and priest over the latter's refusal to obey his superior's command not to attend the sessions of the Lexow committee makes the formal visit more interesting than it usually is. The archbishop was met by Father Ducey and their greetings were at least outwardly friendly. Then Father Ducey went to the church to say mass and the archbishop awaited his return.

### Robbery and Murder.

TUPELO, Miss., Dec. 18.—Word has been received here of a robbery and murder in Pontolite county. William Sudduth, a widower, living alone with a single son, had been absent from home, and returning in the night and opening the door was met on the inside by a robber, who struck him on the head with a bludgeon, inflicting a fatal wound. The robber ransacked the house for valuables and fled.

### Mine on Fire.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Fire broke out in the Oregon Improvement company's Newcastle coal mine at Coal Creek, 10 miles from this city yesterday morning. Over 125 men were working in the mine at the time but they were gotten out safely, though just in the nick of time. Coal creek was dammed and turned into the mine. The loss will amount to \$800,000.

### Getting Civilized.

WINFIELD, Kan., Dec. 18.—Two Osage Indian boys, Hank and Charles Mashaw, attending the business college here, eloped Saturday with two white girls, sisters. They were headed for the Osage nation, and expected to get annual payments. They were stopped at Dexter, 20 miles from here, and brought back. They say they will marry the girls.

### Misfortune Killed Him.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 18.—Robert Stewart Munn of Harbor Grace, managing partner of the firm of Mann & Company, one of the largest firms doing business here, died Monday of influenza superinduced by the recent financial troubles. He was director of the Union bank and was largely interested in the general business of the country.

### An Italian's Revenge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—At San Rafael, because of her refusal to marry him, Antonio Victoria, an Italian, attempted to assassinate Mrs. John Bravo, the proprietress of a lodging-house, by placing dynamite in the kitchen stove. The explosion wrecked the building and slightly injured Mrs. Bravo. Victoria was arrested.

### Bulgarian Cabinet Resigns.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, to The Times says that the ministry has resigned.

## VESSELS LOST AT SEA

Results of the Recent Gales Off Cape Flattery.

### PROBABLY FIFTY LIVES LOST.

Steam Colliers Montserrat and Keweenaw Are Both Seven Days Overdue at San Francisco—Anxiety Is Also Felt For the Barks Germania and Columbia—Four Vessels Known to Have Been Wrecked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—That the steam colliers Montserrat and Keweenaw have been lost at sea with all on board is now considered almost a certainty. The Montserrat from Nanaimo and the Keweenaw from Comox, B. C., are both seven days overdue at this port. For several days tags and coasting steamers all along the northern coast have kept a sharp lookout, but no tidings of either steamer have been received. Both vessels were heavily loaded and the prevailing opinion is that they were lost almost together in the terrific gale that raged off Cape Flattery the night they put to sea. The Montserrat, Captain Blackburn, carried a crew of 20 men, and the Keweenaw, Captain Jenkins, carried a crew of 30 men.

Anxiety is also felt for the barks Germania and Columbia. The Germania, laden with coal, has been out 15 days, and the Columbia, with a cargo of lumber, sailed from Port Blakeley 13 days ago. However, sailing passages of 14 and 16 days are of frequent occurrence, and but for the storm which the vessels must have encountered no fear would be felt for their safety.

From reports received to date it is positively known that at least four vessels were wrecked during the gale. The British Scotch Dales was dismantled off Cape Flattery, but was picked up by a steamer and towed into Port Townsend. The bark John Wooster was lost off Gray's harbor on the Washington coast. The schooner Garcia was wrecked off Tillamook rock. Her crew of 16 men is still missing. The schooner W. T. Beebe was wrecked in the breakers in an attempt to cross the San Francisco bar. All the steamers and sailing craft that have reached port since the storm report terrible experiences in the gale, which prevailed all along the coast north of San Francisco.

### TRAVELING MAN HURT.

Jumps to Avoid a Wreck and Breaks His Leg.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—E. C. Dehaven of Indianapolis is in St. Mary's hospital here, suffering from a broken leg, received in a railroad accident. Dehaven is a traveling man, employed by Robert Grace & Company of New York. He started south over the Louisville and Nashville railroad yesterday morning on an accommodation train, and at the "Y" side of Howell, the brakeman, in throwing a switch, threw it too soon. The front wheels of the caboose took one track and the rear wheels another. The result was that the car turned over. Dehaven jumped, and in alighting broke his leg at the knee. An Italian named Farino broke his arm at the wrist.

### A DRAMATIC SUICIDE.

A Lover Quarrels With His Sweetheart Through Jealousy.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Edward Wilson, a well known young merchant of New Richmond, committed suicide by swallowing a dose of morphine. The act was due to a love affair. He was to have married Miss Bertha Pritchard, assistant cashier of the New Richmond bank, this week, and had built and furnished a house. On Friday evening Tom Clark, a resident of Crawfordsville, visited the lady, and escorted her to church. This led to a lovers' quarrel, which ended in a dramatic suicide.

### Fight in a Church.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 18.—Sunday night during the services at the Methodist church at Harmony, this county, William Early threw a lasso around the neck of E. M. Watts, pulling him out of his seat and choking him breathless before he was forced to release him by persons interfering. When Watts regained his strength he knocked Early down and was pounding him in the face, when Early drew a knife and stabbed him, inflicting a dangerous and probably fatal wound. Great excitement was created in the church.

### Skull Crushed by Shafting.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—An accident occurred yesterday at the Worthington engraving printing office, which will result in the death of one of their pressmen, Joseph Edwards. While shifting a belt, leading from a pulley to a printing press it slipped to the shafting and caught on a pin, tearing the shafting from its fastenings. In its fall it hit Edwards on the head, crushing his skull.

### Drowned in a Bath Tub.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 18.—William A. Peelle, ex-chief of the bureau of statistics of Indiana, was drowned in a bath tub at the visitors' home at St. Mary's institute yesterday evening. He was found lying on his side in such a position that he could not move himself. Peelle's home is at Indianapolis.

### Murderer Hanged.

HARTFORD, Dec. 18.—John Cronin was hanged at 1:01 this morning at the state prison, in Weatherfield, and was pronounced dead nine minutes after. The automatic gallows worked perfectly. His body was taken down at 1:40 o'clock, and interred at Blue Hills cemetery at 5 o'clock.